

Jacksonville, Fla -

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Dear Sir -

I have rec<sup>d</sup> the Pkg<sup>e</sup>.  
of Guttiger's plants returned by you, & your  
card of the 19<sup>th</sup> notifying me of the receipt-  
of my box of fascicles & the sending of three  
to Haysradt, for all of which services  
accept my thanks - I am on the eve of  
leaving for my summer quarters,  
Montvale Springs, Blount Co. Tenn., which will  
be my P.O. till Novr.

Having to leave my herbarium at home  
(uninsured) I concluded to have the remainder  
of my fascicles (7) poisoned with sublimate &  
then ship them all to you & hope it will not  
discommode you to store them - My own  
series I shall leave with a friend in town  
as I have to leave my house in care of a  
colored family & they may burn it up.  
I will enclose with this some money to <sup>refund</sup> pay freight  
& postage which you pay =

In the box you will also find a  
long package - You will please hand  
it to Prof. Sargent & keep the secret  
of it from him -

Excuse haste & believe me

Very truly yours

A. B. Curtis.

P. M. - M. O. office closed - Please advise  
me of amt. you pay on box now sent -  
& I will send an order to include this and  
the 80<sup>¢</sup> paid on last box & 45<sup>¢</sup> on mail pkg.  
from Maryville - #176.